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March 25, 2008

Honorable Gloria Negrete McLeod
Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SB 1458 (Committee on Local Government) - As Amended 03/24/08 - **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Negrete McLeod:

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors supports SB 1458. This bill incorporates the comprehensive recommendations provided to the Senate Local Government Committee's Working Group, which has been tasked with reviewing and recommending revisions to County Service Area Law (CSA).

This legislation modernizes the statutes that govern County Service Areas' policies, powers, and procedures. SB 1458 will provide County Boards of Supervisors with alternative organizations and methods to finance and offer needed public facilities and services to residents and property owners of unincorporated areas.

This proposed revision is long overdue as there has not been a thorough overhaul of CSA Law since the Legislature passed this statute in 1953. Over the past 55 years, scores of bills made piecemeal changes to the law, resulting in a statute that is hard to use and certainly dated.

For these reasons, the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County joins with the California State Association of Counties in support of SB 1458. The Board thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

PAUL BIANE

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Dave Cox, Vice Chair
Honorable Tom Harman
Honorable Christine Kehoe
Honorable Michael J. Machado
Members, San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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